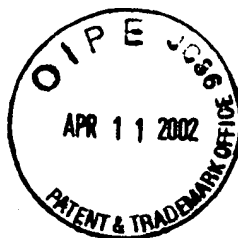




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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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